

recent lecture, and a man has gone so far as to hold his naked hand in such a stream of water as to melt it, and has done it without the least injury; all that is required being to have his hand moist, and if his hand is dry, he has merely to dip it in water, and he may hold his hand for several minutes without the least injury. He then took out receiving any injury whatever. This was exhibited publicly at a meeting of the British Association at Ipswich, many years ago. It is one of the miracles of science, so to speak; they are perfectly credible to scientific men, because they are supported by the principles of chemistry, and that principle is familiar to you all that if you throw a drop of water upon hot iron, the water retains its spherical form, and does not spread upon it and wet it. Vapor is brought to that condition of saturation, heat, and pressure, that it will not pass between the hand and the hot iron, and for a time that atmosphere is not hot to be perfectly bearable.